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Mr. SPEAKER.—" A similar question came up before the House two days ago."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the intensity and high incidence of tuberculosis in Malabar, may I request the Hon. the Minister for Health to expedite it and see to it that B.C.G. vaccination is introduced forthwith particularly because the sanatorium there is hardly adequate to meet the needs of the situation? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Malabar is proposed to be included and it will come under the scheme."

Indo-Ceylon Agreement on the citizenship rights of Ceylon nationals of Indian origin.

* 1171 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the agreement reached between the Government of India and Ceylon Government touching the citizenship rights of Ceylon nationals of Indian origin;

(b) whether the State Government have communicated their opinion to the Centre regarding this matter; and

(c) whether the Government were consulted before the agreement was entered into?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) & (c) This Government were not consulted before the agreement was reached and there was therefore no question of this Government communicating their opinion to the Government of India."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This is more a Central than a State Subject."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the daily worsening conditions of Ceylon nationals of Indian origin due to the unsympathetic attitude of the Ceylon Government and their failure to implement the agreement in the spirit in which it was entered into and inasmuch as the repercussions mainly affect the State, will the Government impress on the Government of India the necessity of maintaining continuous liaison and consultation with this Government at every stage in dealing with this problem? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have made that point clear to the Government of India and now we are being kept informed and we are also being consulted in the matter."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" What measures Government propose to take to rehabilitate the persons returning from Ceylon who are of Indian origin? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is quite a different question. It does not arise out of the main question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" In view of the fact that in Ceylon those Indians who will be declared as ' stateless persons ' would be repatriated to India, may I know whether the Government of Madras have received any information from the Government of India regarding the arrangements that should be made in case there is any repatriation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think there will be repatriation of ' stateless persons '. Only Indian nationals will be repatriated."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" இந்தச் சபையில் இலங்கை-இந்தியர் பிரச்னையைக் குறித்து விவாதம் நடந்தது. அந்த விவாதத்தின் நகல் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டதா ? அப்படி அனுப்பப்பட்டிருந்தால் .அதற்கு மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து ஏதாவது பதில் கிடைத்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. It was sent and in pursuance of that we are now being consulted and we are being kept informed at every stage."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that the Centre did not consult this Government before the Indo-Ceylon agreement was entered into. Did this Government convey to the Central Government their feelings in this matter because there was no prior consultation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have made representations to the Central Government and in pursuance of that I told the hon. Member that we are now being kept informed and are being consulted in the matter."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சமீபத்தில் தாற்காலீக அனுமதிச் சீட்டுகள் காலாவதி ஆனதால், சில ஆயிரம் இந்தியப் பிரஜைகள் இந்தியாவுக்கு வருவதாகச் சொல்லப்படுகிறதே, அதைப்பற்றி இந்தியா சர்க்கார் நம்முடைய சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது தெரியப்படுத்தியிருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படி அவர்கள் தெரியப்படுத்தியிருந்தால், அவர்களை இங்கு வரவேற்பதற்கோ அல்லது Rehabilitate பண்ணுவதற்கோ சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. We have been informed about it and the matter is under consideration of Government."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that the bulk of the Indian community in Ceylon belongs to South India and in view of the fact that the Indian High Commissioner's attitude in Ceylon is most unsympathetic so far as Indian nationals

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in Ceylon are concerned, will this Government urge the Central Government that there might be replacement of the present High Commissioner by a person from South India?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think the presumption is correct."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இலங்கையில் தாற்காலிக அனுமதிச் சீட்டுகளுடன் இருக்கக்கூடிய ஏராளமான கடைச்சிப்பந்திகளும், வீட்டு வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய சிப்பந்திகளும் வெளியேறக்கூடிய நிலைமை ஏற்படும். அதற்கு என்ன ஏற்பாடுகளைச் சர்க்கார் செய்யப்போகிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That position has not arisen at all and if it is likely to arise, we are likely to know it beforehand. Then we will make all necessary arrangements."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The Hon. Minister said that the Central Government are now under correspondence with our Government. If it is so, may I know why a copy of the agreement reached between the Ceylon Government and the Union Government has not been communicated to this Government still?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" After all, all the provisions are now well known to everybody and I do not think it is necessary to get a copy of it."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" During the debate we had at the last session regarding the Ceylon problem, several points were raised by hon. Members and one of the points raised was that the present High Commissioner in Ceylon was not doing effective work and he should be recalled by the Central Government. May I know whether this Government have received any reply from the Central Government regarding that point?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about citizenship. The hon. Member wants to know what had taken place after the debate on the 'Ceylon Problem' held sometime ago. The High Commissioner is involved in the hon. Member's present question. I shall pass on to the next question. It is outside the main question."

Closure of the Talikulam Branch of the Rajah Beedi Factory, South Malabar.

* 1172 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Rajah Beedi Company of Talikulam in Ponnani taluk, South Malabar, was locked out on 13th February 1954, when there was a conciliation pending before the Labour Officer; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter with reference to section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947?